subscribers were duly informed. Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) network elements of Delhi have already been augmented and are presently under observation.

(c) The following steps taken to provide quality services to mobile subscribers are as under:

(i) Commissioning of 750K GSM lines in 2007-08.

(ii) 146 Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) have been added in 2007-08 in Delhi and NCR.

(iii) 123 BTS in NCR have been upgraded with higher power/capacity BTSs in 2007-08.

Stamp on Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha

2647. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending in the Department for release of Postal stamp to commemorate the centenary celebration of Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha, a doyen of Assameese culture and revoluntary and cultural activist;

(b) whether Government would consider the release of such postal stamps in near future; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to place the proposal before the Philatelic Advisory Committee which will take the decision.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

Services of BSNL in Assam

2648. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL network failure is a regular phenomenon in Assam;

(b) if so, the steps BSNL authority has taken to solve such problem and what are the main hurdle to reduce those problems;

(c) whether BSNL authority in Assam is considering for power generation at their own initiative, in any manner for better service of the BSNL to the consumer; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Sir, BSNL network is, in general, working satisfactorily in Assam. However, some times intermittent failure is ocurring mainly due to:

(i) Multiple Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) cuts during road widening by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and other road construction agencies.